

REMARKS

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 5-10, 12 and 13 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma (US SIR H1201) in view of Hosoi *et al.* (US 4,880,987) and Verbeke *et al.* (US 5,519,229). Applicant submits the following in traversal of the rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the "projecting region" of claim 4. Furthermore, the projecting region is not taught in the cited art. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims should be deemed patentable.

Claim 4 has been amended to describe that the one corner area has a hole. The prior art cited by the Examiner does not teach a hole in one corner area of four corner areas. Therefore, claim 4 and its dependent claim should be deemed patentable.

Furthermore, Applicant has added claims 14-18 to further define the one corner area from the three other corner areas. Claim 14 describes that the one corner area is right angled and claim 15 describes that the one corner area has a circular arch with a radius different than the other corner areas. Since the aspects of claims 14 and 15 are not taught in the prior art, claims 14 and 15 and their dependent claims should be deemed patentable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

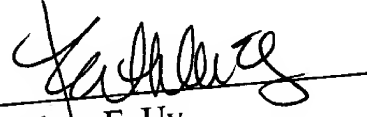
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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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